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COUNTRY Poland REPORT

TOPIC 1) Polish Troop Training Grounds near Grupa 2) General Information on 25X1
Troop Billets in Schlagakrug 3) Krapkowice (Krappitz) Ammunition Depot

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REMARKS

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1. For the first time in the summer of 1953 and, at an intensified rate, in the summer of 1954, the noise of intensive record practices was heard from the area of the Polish troop training grounds north of Grupa (Q 54/D 44). It was known in Warlubie (Q 54/D 44) that, in 1952, a convent school which was prior to that time located in the billets at the training grounds which were constructed before World War II, was evacuated from these buildings. Since that time masons were employed in Grupa. They were pledged to strict secrecy with regard to the work they had to do at that site. Polish soldiers performed surveying work in the area just south of Warlubie. In 1954, wooden poles which were knocked into the ground in this area were replaced by stones.
2. In August 1954, Polish soldiers ignited containers with undetermined contents on the fields south of Warlubie. Ignition caused the development of a dense gray white fog layer which covered this area. During recent years, columns of military vehicles frequently passed through . They 25X1 included guns which were towed by trucks. No tanks were observed. All soldiers observed in the Warlubie area were Polish.¹
3. Prior to August 1954, barracks installations which were constructed under the Germans and were occupied to capacity by Polish troops were observed on the east side of the Arys (R 54/A 66) road near Schlagakrug (Szlag, R 54/A 75). About 10 barracks buildings were observed in this area. 25X1 other structures were erected in the wooded area on the west side of the road, opposite these old buildings. Military sentries only were observed at a branch road which led to this wooded area. The highway from Drygallen (R 54/A 75) to Arys via Schlagakrug was open to civilian traffic and only occasionally closed. It was rumored that the civilian population was evacuated from the towns of Kotten, Durken and Osranken.

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4. [redacted] prior to the summer of 1954, the reconstruction of the former German Army Krappitz (P 51/J 25) ammunition depot was completed sufficiently to allow production to start at that time. The kinds of products manufactured in the former ammunition depot were unknown. Prior to the fall of 1954, sentries who wore Polish army uniforms were observed behind the barbed-wire fence surrounding the plant area which was located in a woods. The workers employed at the site always referred to the installation as the "Muna" (ammunition depot).³

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2. [redacted] Comment. The troop billets on the east side of the Arys road near Schäägkrug are known.

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3. [redacted]

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